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1. ON APRIL 22, THE TURKISH DEL CIRCULATED THE FINAL PROGRAM FOR THE MAY 23-27 APAG MEETING IN ISTANBUL. TURKISH DEL REQUESTED ALLIED REPLIES TO TWO QUESTIONS:
(A) WOULD THE APAG PARTICIPANTS LIKE TO TOUR THE BOSPHORUS (WEATHER PERMITTING) AFTER THE MAY 25 LUNCHEON INSTEAD OF HOLDING AN AFTERNOON SESSION? (IF A FINAL 5TH MEETING IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL, THE TURKS SUGGEST SCHEDULING THE FINAL MEETING FOR THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 26, IN PLACE OF THE TOPKAPI ETC. TOUR, WHICH COULD BE COMBINED WITH THE PROPOSED BOSPHORUS TOUR.)
(B) WILL ANY DELEGATION BESIDES THE FRG CONTRIBUTE A DISCUSSION PAPER BEFOREHAND?
ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN (A) AND (B).

2. BEGIN TEXT OF APAG SCHEDULE:

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DINNER: (FREE)

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MAY 23, MONDAY
ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE CARLTON HOTEL ON THE
BOSPHOROUS. IF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE BY NOON, A
"PRELIMINARY MEETING" WILL FOLLOW DINNER.
DINNER (FREE)
MONDAY 24, TUESDAY
MORNING: FIRST MEETING
LUNCH: (FREE)
AFTERNOON: SECOND MEETING

MAY 25, WEDNESDAY

MORNING: THIRD MEETING

LUNCH: TO BE GIVEN IN HONOUR OF THE PARTICIPANTS BY AMB

SUKRU ELEKDAG, SECGEN OF THE FONMIN.

AFTERNOON: FOURTH MEETING

DINNER: (FREE) MAY 26, THURSDAY MORNING: FIFTH MEETING

LUNCH: IN HONOUR OF THE PARTICIPANTS BY THE TURKISH

PARTICIPANTS AT THE TOPKAPI RESTAURANT.

AFTERNOON: VISIT TO TOPKAPI PALACE, ST SOPHIA MUSEUM,

BLUE MOSQUE AND COVERED BAZAAR.

DINNER: (FREE) MAY 27, FRIDAY

DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS.

NOTE: FOR LUNCHEON AND DINNERS, THE RESTAURANT AT THE SAIT HALIM PASA VILLA IS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

END TEXT.

3. TURKS ADVISE PARTICIPANTS TO BRING SWIM SUITS.STREATOR

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